

NEW! 8th Grade Unit of Study Curriculum Options
(Developed October 2009)

Online Career/Interest Inventory Activity (can be combined with attached Career Research Project)

- COPS, Bridges, Kuder, etc. (online inventory site)
- Discuss results of inventories (what jobs might be right for you?)
- Research education/training requirements for occupations
- Research salaries for occupations
- Also see COIN through the Wyoming State Library—it's FREE!!

Career Research Project (can be combined with Online Career/Interest Inventory Activity above)

- See the following attachments for lesson/activity:
 - “Career Research Project” (Lesson Plan)
 - “Career Research Project Preliminary Outline”

Cost-of-Living Lesson

- See attached “Cost-of-Living Lesson”
 - This is a great activity for opening students’ eyes up about how much it costs to live on their own!

How Do I Pay for School? (Informational Narrative)

- See attached “How Do I Pay for School” document
 - Many students and families are put off by the cost of getting a college education, and therefore may not even consider attending college. This brief informational narrative teaches students about financial planning for college – starting NOW – and helping them see that a college education may not be as out-of-reach as they think.

Who is Stan Hathaway?

- See attached “Who is Stan Hathaway” document which features a couple of interesting articles explaining who he was.

Occupational Outlook Handbook Activity/Report

- See attached “Occupational Outlook Handbook Activity”
 - This FREE web site, www.bls.gov/oco, is full of information about hundreds of jobs!

Adult Interview

- Have the students interview an adult about his/her life after high school. Questions can include:
 - What were your goals after high school?
 - What steps did you take to achieve those goals?
 - Why did you choose the job/career you chose?
 - How many years of college did you have to complete to do your job?
 - What were some challenges you encountered while pursuing your career?
 - How did you handle those challenges?
 - Do you think you will ever go back to college? Why or why not?